

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 19 August 2008

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Health Policy Forum  
Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council:** **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Edward F. Almon, John W. Flynn, Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Robert Hamel, RN, Amy Lapierre, Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

**Not Present:** Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Ellen Nelson, PhD, Robert Whiteside

**Excused:** Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Robert Ricci

**Staff:** Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

**Public:** (Attached)

**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 22 July 2008 were accepted as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

**2. General Order of Business**

The first item on the agenda was the *Report to the Health Services Council on the application of Medco Health Solutions, Inc. for a change in effective control of CCS Infusion Management, LLC and its affiliate Critical Care Systems, Inc. a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency in Providence.* Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report to the Health Services Council on the application of MAS Medical Staffing Corporation for initial licensure to establish a Home Care Provider Agency in North Providence*. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of eleven in favor and none opposed (11-0) to recommend that the application be approved subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

The next item on the agenda was the *Report of the Health Services Council on the application of St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island for certificate of need for campus modernization and consolidation of inpatient psychiatric and inpatient rehabilitation services from St. Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care to Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital*. Staff summarized the application and the proposed accelerated review process.

Staff noted that Rhode Island Hospital is considering establishing a 15-bed rehabilitation unit as a result of the instant proposal. Staff noted that Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals requested that no action be taken until they provide comments on the instant proposal.

The Council discussed how to review the instant proposal. Staff noted that if this was remanded for further review the comment period would only be extended until 29 August 2008 and that the application could be scheduled for Project Review Committee-II meeting on 28 August 2008. Council members noted their concerns that the review of this proposal could be delayed. The Chair noted that the next Health Services Council meeting could be held earlier to accommodate this proposal.

Ms. Almeida noted for the record that she is recusing herself.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed by a vote of ten in favor, none opposed and one recusal (10-0-1) to remand the application for proceedings before Project Review Committee-II. Those members voting in favor were: Almon, Flynn, Gil, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

### **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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